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This preliminary Amendment is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated July 1, 2005.

Kind regards,

Christy Hennigan

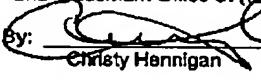
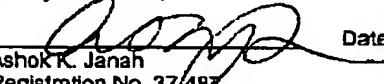
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In re application of: Holmes et al.	Group No: 1753
Application No: 10/637,188	Examiner: Arun S. Phasga
Confirmation No: 3944	
Filed: August 8, 2003	Attorney Docket No: PION.2.US
Title: SELECTABLE ION CONCENTRATIONS WITH ELECTROLYTIC ION EXCHANGE	Tuesday, July 05, 2005 San Francisco, CA 94107

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		Large Entity	Small Entity
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	Two Months	\$450.00	\$225.00
	Three Months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
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	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Number Extra	Rate		Additional Fee
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Total Claims	58	20	38	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	7	3	4	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims			0	\$360.00	\$180.00	\$0.00
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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It is believed that no fee or petition is associated with this communication. If, however, any fee or petition is due, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for the same, and authorizes the Commissioner to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 10-0258.

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